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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1869.

The Meeting of the Two Soldiers. WRETT-FOUR HOURS' conversation with our fellow-citizens of Philadelphia, and a quiet night's rest, have enabled us to see even more clearly than we could yesterday the true attitude of Lieutenant Alexander K. McClure's mission to Washington. With the withdrawal of the clouds which enveloped the ambassador comes a more and more vivid picture of unparalleled impertinence. It cannot be disputed, even by the friends of that gentleman, that Captain McClure, in going to Washington as the representative of Pennsylvania, committed at least a slight breach of common sense. If he does represent any one, we may ask, who is it? What section does he hail from? Chambersburg was, indeed, once the repository of his massive form and intellect, but for reasons best known to himself and his late townsmen, he gathered his little all together, transformed his residence into a seminary, and turned carpet-bagger. He has come to Philadelphia. Does he represent us? Not that we know of. His sole claim to represent our city is based on less than a year's residence among us, and on that ground he tells General Grant that not five thousand out of the sixty thousand Republicans of Philadelphia know Mr. George H. Stuart. We would like to know how many of the sixty thousand know even the name of Major McClure, except in connection with the tonnage tax discussion some six years ago; and does that endear him to their memory? Does the loss to the State of some \$700,000 justify the authorizing one of the advocates of the loss to call himself a representative Pennsylvanian? Having thus shown that Lieutenant-Colonel McClure, like Mahomet's coffin, is entitled to no location on terra firma, let us look at the persons he claimed to represent. They were three:—Ex-Governor Curtin, Governor Geary, and Judge Williams. We yesterday expressed our views frankly on the somewhat presumptuous claim that these three, or any three, gentlemen could self-constitute themselves the organs of a great State. So far time has elapsed only to hear from one. Governor Geary has spoken. Says Colonel McClure: "General Geary has sent a despatch asking for the appointment of Governor Curtin, and has written a letter, which is now en route."

Says Governor Geary:—"EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, HARRISBURG, Feb. 26, 1869.—To General U. S. Grant, President-elect, Washington, D. C.—By the newspapers of today I observe that certain persons have stated to you that I have written letters to influence your Cabinet appointments. I have never written or telegraphed to you or any other person one word in favor of or against any one for that position. If you have received any such letters or telegrams, they are forgeries. Truly yours, JOHN W. GEARY."

So! let Brevet Brigadier-General McClure, have you ever read Mrs. Ople's excellent work on white and black lies? If you have, under which head would you place your assertion of Governor Geary's position and your representation of him? Would the people not be justified in putting your assertions, so far as the Governor's attitude is concerned, among the ebony-colored utterances? We are glad of the prompt denial on the part of Governor Geary, as he thus cancelled the invitations reflections which the whole community were making on the course which he was alleged to have followed. Thus one of the three constituents of the ambassador departs. We next expect to hear that Judge Williams also has never written a line, and, finally, that Governor Curtin himself did not authorize any such exhibition as that made by Brigadier-General McClure. In fact, the whole conversation on the part of the "representative Pennsylvanian" reminds us of the man who was accused of having stated that he had a brother, with one eye, living in California. When examined, however, there were a few errors found. The man in question had no brother with one eye, and, finally, he never had any brother with one eye or two. We tremble when we think how much Brevet Major-General McClure has plagiarized from the anecdote quoted.

But out of the bitter can come forth the sweet, and there is a moral even in the mission to Washington. When a man stalks into the Executive presence, proclaims himself a representative, fails to produce his credentials, attempts to overawe by playing a game of bluff, swells and struts, and darkly threatens, do not be surprised if the Executive turns sharply on him, eyes him calmly, and orders him out. Such things have been done in the past, and let it be a warning to any future Major-General McClure to be careful, first of his language, second of his credentials, and thirdly—begging pardon for our ignorance of his military career—of his title.

Two More Denials. Just as we go to press we are authorized to state that neither Judge Williams nor Judge Agnew has written such letters as Colonel McClure alleged in his interview with General Grant. They were applied to for their endorsement of the scheme of Curtin, McClure & Co., but positively refused to have anything to do with it. They do not assume to dictate to General Grant concerning the composition of his Cabinet.

SECRETARY BROWNED, of the Interior Department, has decided that certain articles formerly belonging to George Washington—

including pieces of household furniture, articles of clothing, dishes, and papers—which were removed by the Government from Arlington House, shall be returned to Robert K. Lee, who owned the property previous to the war. Perhaps there is no way in which this sacrilege can be prevented; but, if possible, these relics should certainly not be permitted to return to the possession of the leader of the Rebel armies.

The Metropolitan Police Bill. It is to be hoped that Senator Henszey will now retire from the police business, and that of legislation in general, and return to his first loves, the camera and other photographic paraphernalia. By his downright stupidity, and reckless disregard of the rights and wishes of his constituents, he has brought the Metropolitan Police project into such disrepute, that even the bill which received the endorsement of the whole Philadelphia delegation on the so-called Republican side of the Legislature sustained yesterday an ignominious defeat in the Senate. The vote stood 20 nays to 11 yeas, the votes of six Republican Senators being included among the former. We have already analyzed the defeated bill, and see no cause to regret its fate. But there is certainly cause for regret in the fact that the defeat of this bill will tend to render impossible during the present session of the Legislature the passage of a wise, practicable, and unpartisan Metropolitan Police bill, which the necessities of this community so imperatively demand. As Mr. Henszey has manifestly reached the limit of his resources in this direction, we trust that he will strain himself no more, but withdraw from the business, in order that some man possessing an ordinary amount of common sense, and a decent regard for the wishes of the people—if such a man is included on the rolls of either house—may frame and present such a bill as will command the votes of a majority of both houses, and give satisfaction to the people of Philadelphia when it shall become a law.

The Suffrage Amendment. Both houses of Congress have at last passed, by the requisite two-thirds vote, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, which simply declares that "the right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." This was the form assumed by the proposed amendment after it passed through the hands of the committee of conference, who took the liberty of striking out all reference to the right to hold office, although there was originally no disagreement upon that point between the two houses. Several Republican Senators denounced this action of the conference committee, but they all, with the single exception of Mr. Fowler of Tennessee, voted for the proposition in its amended form, evidently through fear that nothing better could be gained before the two-thirds vote in the House of Representatives vanishes with the 4th of March. The position of those upon whom will devolve the task of securing the ratification of three-fourths of the State Legislatures has certainly been weakened by the exclusion of the right to hold office from the proposed amendment. As it now stands, it is simply a half-way measure of justice, and half-way measures of all sorts are not calculated to secure the hearty and zealous support of men who demand the full measure of right.

The Grand Jury Presentment. YESTERDAY the Grand Jury made a final presentment for the term, and called the attention of the Court to various subjects that have come under their observation as being worthy of the earnest consideration of the authorities. The crowded condition of the County Prison, the Alms-house, and the Penitentiary are standing sources of complaint. The Grand Jury state that the condition and management of these institutions are worthy of all praise, so far as the circumstances will allow. In the County Prison, however, the untried department contains 350 persons, who are huddled into 135 cells, while in the department of convicts 398 prisoners were confined in 196 cells. The most serious apprehensions are felt lest some epidemic should break out in the prison, and the very imperfect ventilation of the cells is in the highest degree injurious to the health of the prisoners. The Grand Jury state that 400 new cells are absolutely necessary. In the Penitentiary there are also too few cells for the number of prisoners, and it is consequently impossible to strictly enforce the discipline of the prison.

With regard to the Alms-house, the Grand Jury suggest that the paupers might with advantage be organized into regular manufacturing forces, so as to benefit their health, and better prepare them for outdoor work and usefulness. The necessity for a House of Correction for the relief of the Alms-house and the County Prison is urged, as it has been repeatedly, and it is to be hoped that sufficient interest in this important subject will before long be aroused to give us such an institution.

The Grand Jury complain of the frequency of frivolous prosecutions for the gratification of petty malice, and they think that some means should be devised to prevent the committing magistrates from sending all manner of petty cases to the Court. Attention is called to the condition of Bedford street and its vicinity, as well as the condition of the streets of the city in general, which are spoken of as offensive to decency and law, and the report pertinently states that "it is an outrage that the health of the whole community should be thus endangered by the action of the elements upon the accumulation of filth in the high ways, merely because of the street cleaner's indolence, and that official should be allowed to go unpunished." It is recommended, and we hope the recom-

mendation will be concurred in, that the inspection of the county bridges, the large factories, railway crossings, and the city streets be included in the scope of the Grand Jury's duties, so that the safety and welfare of travellers, operatives, and the citizens generally may be looked after in a proper manner.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.—It is said that Representative Dawes, of Massachusetts, withdrew from the contest for the Speakership of the House because he could not consent to be a party to the bargaining for influential positions on the committees which was demanded of him before he could secure the requisite support. If this be the motive which actuated Mr. Dawes in withdrawing his name from the contest, it does him infinite credit as a man and a legislator. The "bargain and corruption cry" which was raised against John Quincy Adams when he rewarded Henry Clay with a Cabinet position in return for the latter's support, is applicable to the disposition of almost every office by appointment in the public service of the present day. General Grant promises to set his face against the system, and Mr. Dawes loses nothing in the estimation of the people by following his example.

THE New York City Democracy are seriously disturbed by the recent action of Recorder Hackett in meeting out such exemplary justice to the gang of desperadoes convicted in the court over which he presides. The supremacy of Tammany Hall has been placed in jeopardy by this lack of consideration for the feelings of the rank and file of the party. Hence a formidable combination, said to embrace the leading men of the Democracy, has been formed, with the view of "crushing out" Recorder Hackett before he succeeds in the Democratic party by distributing it among the different reformatory institutions of the State.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE is said to have declared to some of his Washington friends that he would regard his nomination by the Kentucky Democrats for the Governorship of that State as "injurious." In this respect Mr. Breckinridge agrees with a majority of the people of the United States. As the Kentucky Democracy has not yet been reconstructed, it is not to be supposed that they will take the same view of the subject. Doubtless they would, to a man, be willing to part with an ear for the sake of voting for and electing the arch-traitor to the chief magistracy of the State. If they are not permitted to do so, it will be because Breckinridge's common sense did not forsake him when his regard for a solemn oath of allegiance did.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ORIENTAL AND BIBLE LAND.—Lecture on the two continents and instructive illustrated lectures on HON. ISRAEL S. DIEHL, at the Central M. E. Church, 11th and Market streets, on Monday evening, March 1, 1869. Tickets 25 cents. To be had at the door on the evening of the Lecture. Lecture to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY.—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—J. S. FISHER, M. D., President. W. PAINE, Treasurer. JOHN G. BYRNE, Secretary. The University is holding all departments of Medicine and Surgery, to commence on Monday in March, and continue until the first of July. For particulars apply to W. PAINE, M. D., Dean of the Faculty, University Building, NINTH and LOUET STREETS.

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VESSEL OWNERS' AND CAPTAINS' ASSOCIATION, OFFICE, No. 309 WALNUT ST. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25, 1869. The annual meeting of the Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association, held at the WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M., when an election was held for a Board of Directors, presided by CHARLES H. STEELMAN, Secretary.

THIRD MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.—WEST ARCH STREET, F. EBY TERRACE, CHURCH, corner EIGHTEENTH, MONDAY, March 1, 1869. Reading by Rev. NOAH H. SCRENCHE, D. D., of Bro. KIDN New York. Tickets, 5 cents.

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NOTICE.—OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. Mr. JOHN LYON having resigned the position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, has no longer any authority to act in that capacity. JOHN M. DIEHL, Collector.

REPUBLICAN INVINCIBLES' EXERCISE.—To be held at the residence of the President of the Association, on Wednesday, March 3, 4, 5, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. For further information apply to ERZ LUKENS, Secretary, No. 142 R. FOURTH STREET, (between Second and Third).

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THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.—APPLICATIONS for the situation of Assistant Superintendent of the White Department of the House of Refuge will be received by the undersigned until the third day of March next. JAMES J. BARCLAY, 221 North Second Street, No. 3 ATHENAEUM BUILDING.

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